9-30 A.M.

HIRE CHARGES RECOVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE TRACTORS AND BULLDOZERS MAINTAINED BY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

*Q.—352 Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknaikanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Tractors and Bulldozers maintained by the Agricultural Department since last ten years (yearwar information to be furnished);

(*b*) the collection of hire charges recovered by Government (yearwar information to be furnished);

(*c*) the arrears due at the end of each official year;

(*d*) whether any of the arrears were written off; if so, to whom;

(*e*) the reasons for the same?

*A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) to (*e*) *Vide* Statement appended.

(Sri N. RACHAIAH)

STATEMENT

Year	Regarding (a)		Regarding (b)	Regarding (c)	Regarding (d)	Regarding (e)
	Tractors	Bull-dozers.				
			Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.		
1951–52	80	16	2,36,074–00	2,18,537–37	Sriyuths: Peevani Shetty, Anthony Castaline, Divakara Heede, Panduranga Kini, Lakshminarayana Bhat of South Kanara District, Mangalore.	These hirers were not agreeable for payment of the rate enhanced without prior notice.
1952–53	56	16	1,98,972–00	1,51,732–75		
1953–54	45	16	2,72,570–00	1,87,247–99		
1954–55	33	10	2,33,833–00	1,46,313–47		
1955–56	20	12	5,32,388–00	1,32,968–03		
1956–57	20	19	2,49,935–00	1,32,817–09		
1957–58	20	25	7,07,775–00	3,04,987 97		
1958–59	43	40	7,39,218–00	3,14 397–31		
1959–60	45	38	8,13,868–00	4,20,951–48		
1960–61	44	40	5,27,783–00 (upto December 1960)			

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Sir, in the year 1951-52 there were 80 tractors; in 52-53 it came down to 56 and in 54-55 the number has come down to 33. May I know the reason for this decrease—whether they went wrong or whether good tractors went bad?

† Sri N. RACHAIAH.—This is so because several of the tractors were sent for repairs to the workshop.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Do you mean to say that the number which was 80 in 51-52 came down to 33 in 54-55 due to wont of repairs?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.— Sir, it means, they were under repair and subsequently they were repaired and put to use.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.— How many persons were given exemption in South Canara from payment of the arrears?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Sir, South Canara was part of Madras State and by an order of that Government five persons were given exemption and an amount of Rs. 198 was written off.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—May I know whether this amount is the rent due or any difference in accounts?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—It is only a difference.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—May I know in how many cases amounts were written off, either the difference or the rent due?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Number of persons in whose case amounts were written off By Madras Government is not available. In the case new Mysore State, only in the case five persons in South Canara, one person in Tumkur District and one in Tarikere, amounts were written off.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the amount so written off and their names, Sir?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Sir, can I disclose the names?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, he can give the amount. There is nothing wrong in giving the names but it is not necessary.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know the names just to see whether they were not capable of paying or whether they used their influence to get the amount written off. But, if you want to give them protection, I have no objection.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. It is very objectionable if he says it. I request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw those remarks.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—All right Sir, I withdraw.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Why is he so furious? He wants to allege something and skip off immediately.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, I want to know the amount written off in respect of these three cases.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Sir, there are three cases where certain amounts have been written off, due to inevitable reasons. The first case pertains to South Canara. In that case, in respect of five persons, an amount of Rs. 198 was written off. This was due to difference in rates. In the second case, one farmer made use of the tractor and the total charges were about Rs. 1643-72 out of which half of the amount was received due to the fact that these charges were in the form of concession given to the farmers as a whole and not to one farmer. Though it pertains to only one person, the tractor was made use for of the entire lot of farmers. The third case is, one farmer was given this concession because the amount charged was only Rs. 176; it was on account of enhancing the hire charges. This was considered by Government and the amount was written off.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Sir, a list is given about arrears. Is it not a fact that more than one lakh is pending from the last eight to ten years and have Government made any attempt to collect the arrears?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—That is not the fact .....In the case of bulldozers, Rs. 48,112·38 are due, regarding bulldozer services. There is some arrears from Government institutions and it is only book-adjustment. It is about Rs. 4,03,865.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I wish the Hon'ble Minister had categorised the arrears in respect of the individuals and Government institutions. The reply shows that the arrears only two lakhs, but they are mounting up to four lakhs. I would like to know whether they are accumulated arrears or whether it is arising out of that particular year. Does it mean that these arrears which accumulated to two lakhs in 1951-52 are going to mount up further or are they fresh arrears?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—They are accumulated arrears and the actual arrears as against the Government amounts to four lakhs and from private companies only 84,000, subject to correction.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಭಾಷ್ಯ arrears ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿಸ್ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅವರು ಹಿಂದಿನ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಮಂಡಲದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೋ, ಈಗಲೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರುಗಳಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಎಂದರೆ ರೈತರಾಗಿದ್ದು ನಂತರ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿರುವವರು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ರೈತರೆಲ್ಲ ರಾಜರು; ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಲ್ಲ. Question time is over.